On Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia will hold a legislative hearing to examine H.R. 2517, the "Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009."

H.R. 2517 is intended to ensure equal treatment to lesbian and gay federal civilian employees by providing that same sex partners be entitled to the same benefits available to a married federal employee and his or her spouse. The purpose of the hearing is to examine the merits of this legislation and to discuss its potential implementation and cost.

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